

**Senate File 164 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 164  
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 19)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the determination of city population for  
2 purposes of civil service commissions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 400.1, subsection 2, Code 2015, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. For the purpose of determining the population of a city  
4 under this chapter, the most recent decennial federal census  
5 ~~conducted in 1980~~ shall be used.

6 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection  
7 3, shall not apply to this Act.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Code section 400.1 currently requires a city having a  
12 population of 8,000 or more according to the federal census  
13 conducted in 1980 and having a paid fire department or a paid  
14 police department, to appoint a civil service commission. Code  
15 chapter 400 also establishes several other powers and duties of  
16 cities based on population as determined by the federal census  
17 conducted in 1980.

18 This bill requires the most recent decennial federal census  
19 to be used in determining the population of a city.

20 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
21 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,  
22 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from  
23 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of  
24 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,  
25 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state  
26 mandate included in the bill.